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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM AND AFL-CIO
CONVENTION

REF: A. MADRID 8495, B. STATE 271449, C. STATE 272810

1. REFERENCE COOK-GOOTT TELCON NOVEMBER 18. WE
PROPOSE LEUNDA DEPART MADRID, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 ON
TWA 903, ARRIVING KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 1525, PROCEEDING
BY BRANIFF 101 AT 1710, ARRIVING WASHINGTON DULLES
AIRPORT AT 1813. APPROXIMATELY 17-DAY PROGRAM WOULD
COMMENCE NOVEMBER 28, AND END DECEMBER 15. AS PER
REFTELS A AND C, PARTIAL GRANT WOULD INCLUDE PER DIEM
AND SOME INTERNAL U.S. TRAVEL AS INDICATED BELOW.
REQUEST AFL-CIO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BILBAO-WASHINGTON-
LOS ANGELES-BILBAO TICKET MADE AVAILABLE AT TWA OFFICE
IN MADRID, HOPEFULLY NOVEMBER 21 (LEUNDA WILL BE IN
MADRID THAT DAY).

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2. DURING FIRST WEEK, LEUNDA WISHES TO VISIT - IN
ADDITION TO WASHINGTON - NEW YORK, PITTSBURGH, AND
DETROIT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTING WITH VARIOUS
AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS. HE WOULD PLAN TO BE BACK IN
WASHINGTON BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, IN ORDER TO MEET
STV PRESIDENT MANUEL ROBLES (SEE PARA 3 BELOW).

LEUNDA WILL REQUIRE AN INTERPRETER FOR FIRST WEEK OF VISIT, AT LEAST. BIO DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION ON THE 37-YEAR OLD LEUNDA WAS INCLUDED IN MADRID 3352 OF MAY 2, 1977.

3. EMBASSY FURTHER PROPOSES THAT 84-YEAR OLD STV PRESIDENT MANUEL ROBLES ARANGIZ (REF B) DEPART MADRID ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, USING SAME FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS LEUNDA ABOVE. ROBLES DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, AND EMBASSY WOULD URGE THAT PARTICULAR CARE BE EXERCISED IN MAKING SURE HE IS MET AT BOTH KENNEDY AND DULLES AIRPORTS. IN ACCORDANCE AFL-CIO DESIRE HAVE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES IN U.S. DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 5 - 15 (STATE 258218), DURATION OF STAY WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS. BIO DATA: MANUEL ROBLES ARANGIZ WAS BORN AUGUST 26, 1893, IN BILBAO; SPANISH CITIZEN, BUT SPENT MANY YEARS IN EXILE IN FRANCE (BAYONNE); MAILING ADDRESS: C/O STV, APARTADO CORREOS 971, SAN SEBASTIAN, GUIPUZCOA, SPAIN; PRESENT POSITION: STV PRESIDENT; TRAVELS: EXTENSIVELY IN WESTERN EUROPE; LANGUAGES: SPANISH, FRENCH, AND BASQUE.

4. REGARDING POSSIBILITY REDONDO ATTENDANCE AT AFL-CIO CONVENTION (REF C), UGT INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MANUEL SIMON NEGLECTED INFORM EMBASSY RE UGT DECISION AS PROMISED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON EUROPEAN TRIP. HOWEVER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN CONVERSATION WITH LABATT NOVEMBER 17, UGT PUBLICITY SECRETARY LUIS NOVO STATED HE SAW NO RPT NO CHANCE THAT REDONDO "OR ANY OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER" COULD GET AWAY DURING THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD (I.E. DURING CURRENT PLANT ELECTION CAMPAIGN). EMBASSY WILL SEEK CONFIRM ABOVE WITH SIMON AFTER HIS EXPECTED RETURN OVER WEEKEND. STABLER

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